

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

FALSE RUMORS ABOUT SEC. RICHARD

Wonders will all Americans hear from the eddium which has been cast upon them by the alleged developments of fraud and rascality. The Bureau of Investigation has been expected to have made the most of it, and now scarcely alludes to the matter. Still it cannot but be felt that until the clearing clouds rise up over America's name here is under a very serious eddium.

REYER.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

THE GOLD CROP.

If war-day is not so little a topic there is at least some satisfaction in reading about it occasionally. It serves to remind us of the fact that, although it is inevitable to us, it exists somewhere, and that we are not the only ones who are not our watch chains to our pocketbooks. The editorial "What can we do" is a good one, and on the subject of endeavoring to find out for the

The Mission to St. Petersburg.—Heads of the Civil Service Board.—The French Consul in St. Petersburg.—The Russian Consul in Washington.—The President.—The President and General Babcock are expected to return from Harrisburg this morning.

FROM WASH. C. C.

The Mexican Minister, with his family, has just up his residence in New York city, and has taken the headquarters of the legation will be in St. Louis.

THE COMPTROLLER AND THE NATIONAL BANKS.

The Comptroller of the Currency has called upon the national banks for a statement of the amount of the close of business on Friday, 20th of April last.

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The receipts from internal revenue sources yesterday were \$31,555.35.

PAYAL CONTRACTS.

The annual lettings of payal contracts by the Board of Construction and Repairs took place yesterday. The bidding was quite spirited. Some of the bidders were disappointed in not being awarded the awards. The old bidder applied to be allowed on the same, among whom may be mentioned S. P. Brown and J. L. Langston. The new bidders were J. C. Cross, J. H. Babcock & Co., of New York, who will probably be among the successful competitors.

THE S. H. BALCHER RANCH CASE.

The case of the S. H. Balcher Ranch after protracted contest in the Interior Department is about closed as far as that Department is concerned. The Department has decided that it has at last obtained an exemption of the

WEATHER PROBABILITIES TO-DAY.
For the lower lakes and Middle States southwesterly winds, with light to moderate force, lower temperatures and generally clear weather. For Canada and New England rising barometer, northerly winds, with light to moderate force, lower temperatures and generally clear weather. For the Gulf States and Gulf States and Gulf States southeasterly winds, warmer, cloudy weather, with light to moderate force. For the Northwest and upper lakes, and for the Northwest and upper lakes, and for the Northwest and upper lakes, southeasterly winds, falling barometer, with light to moderate force, lower temperatures and generally clear weather.

ARMY AND NAVY GAZETTE.
Capt. George B. Hoag, Twelfth infantry, has been promoted to major.
Alfred B. Sully has been granted six months' leave of absence on surgeon's certificate of disability. On the recommendation of the Surgeon General, the following officers of the United States medical department have been relieved from their present duties and transferred as follows:
Major John W. Smith, Twelfth infantry, to the department of the lakes to the department of the Pacific; Assistant Surgeon A. A. Yennison, from the Twelfth infantry to the department of the Missouri; First Lieut. Palmer G. Wood, Twelfth infantry, to the department of the Pacific; Top. Ninth cavalry, has resigned, and his resignation has been accepted.
The leave of absence of Col. Drvin, Eighth cavalry, has been extended five months.
The following have been promoted:
Col. William F.

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dem's letter tendering him the mission
to leaving the city Governor Jewson
conference with the Russian
While no official announcement as to
the Governor's acceptance or decision the
will be made until after his interview with
President, yet it is confidently stated by
friends that he has made up his mind to
the mission, add that he is preparing
shortly for St. Petersburg.

The Boston Eight-Hour League
Hoxsey, says Mr. The Boston Eight-
League today discussed resolutions, which
means for the amelioration of the con-
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